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TOPIC	Gadow-Rossow Bombing Range	
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REMARKS		

1. On 14 and 15 May 1954, MiG-15s practiced bombing over Gadow-Rossow bomb range. The aircraft individually approached from the southwest at an altitude of about 2,000 meters and dived at targets in Jagen (forest-subdistrict) 14 at an angle of about 40 degrees. They pulled out of their dives at 400 or 500 meters. At the same moment, a white cloud of smoke and the kicking-up of earth were observed. Shortly afterward, a faint detonation like that caused by a hand grenade was heard. The place of observation was about 2 km from the target. After pulling out of dive, the aircraft again climbed and headed toward Zootzen disappearing from view. The attacks usually started about 1100 and lasted about 2 hours. The individual aircraft approached at intervals of 8 to 10 minutes. After an interval of 1 hour, bombing was continued up to approximately 1700. On 20 June, no air activity was observed over Gadow-Rossow. 1

2. In late June 1954, about 10 sheet metal structures, each 2 meters high and 1.5 meters wide, were observed in a forest sub-district in the Hammelstall area northeast of Gadow. The metal sheets were about 1.5 mm thick.

1. Comment. The Gadow-Rossow training area is used for bombing by units of the Northern Ftr Corps and the GA Div in Brandenburg. Tank and motor vehicle dummies are located in Jagen 14.

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